

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Mr. Glenn Frank, Chair

The Public Works Committee met at the Highway Department at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. Members present were: Glenn Frank, Paul Cunniff, Tom Witmer, Doug Wetzell and Larry Russell. Others in attendance were: Martin Koster-County Board Chairman, Joel Horn-County Administrator, Sue Britt-County Board Member, Suzan Stickle-Building & Zoning Administrator and Jennifer Greeley-Office Manager. Chairman Frank called the meeting to order.

1. ROUTINE BUSINESS:

- a. Township Motor Fuel Tax & Budgetary Status Reports for December 2022 and January 2023 were presented for review and approval. Motion was made by Wetzell and seconded by Russell to approve the items as presented. The vote was all ayes.

2. BUILDING & ZONING REPORT:

- a. Suzan Stickle, Building & Zoning Administrator distributed the Building Reports for December 2022 and January 2023 to the Committee for their review (See #1-2).
- b. There will be no Zoning Hearing in February.
- c. Ms. Stickle presented the Committee with copies of "Illinois State Association of Counties Issue Briefs" regarding HB 4412, County Wind and Solar Zoning Restrictions, which the General Assembly approved in January during the "lame duck" session. On January 27, 2023, Governor Pritzker signed the bill into law. Ms. Stickle explained how this law could affect the county with future Wind and Solar developments. She has discussed the concerns with Assistant State's Attorney James Fagerman and he will speak with the State's Attorney on how Whiteside County should proceed. (See #3-8)
- d. At the Executive Committee scheduled for February 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Stickle will present a motion for a new contract to increase the Attorney's fee for the Zoning Hearing Officer.
- e. Ms. Stickle advised the Committee that the County has been preliminarily approved for a Class 8 under the F.E.M.A. Community Rating System as we had completed our 5-year verification cycle last fall. Per the Community Rating System, the Building & Zoning Department is required to send "flood letters" to properties that fall within the regulated flood plain and will be mailing the letters out soon.
- f. Ms. Stickle provided updates on the nuisance properties in the Yeoward's subdivision and Round Grove.

3. AIRPORT BOARD REPORT:

- a. The Regular Airport Board minutes from November 17, 2022 and December 15, 2022 and Special meeting minutes from December 2, 2022 and January 6, 2023 were presented for review. (See #9-20)
- b. Paul Cunniff will attend the Airport Board meeting on February 16th @ 5:00 p.m.

4. SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #2 REPORT:

- a. The quarterly report was presented for review. Motion was made by Wetzell and seconded by Witmer to approve the report as presented. The vote was all ayes. (See #21)

5. COUNTY HIGHWAY REPORT:

- a. The Landfill Leachate Report and Inspection Reports for December, 2022 and January, 2023 were presented for review (See #22-24).
- b. Resolution - For the Award of 2023 General County Letting. Motion was made by Cunniff and seconded by Russell to recommend approval of the Resolution for the Award of 2023 General County Letting to all bidders for Groups 1-5. The vote was all ayes, with Witmer abstaining. (See #25-26)

MOTION: To approve the Resolution for the Award of the 2023 General County Letting to all of the bidders for the various groups as presented.

- c. Resolution - For the for the removal and disposal of the existing flare skid and the installation of a new flare skid for the closed Whiteside County Landfill. Motion was made by Cunniff and seconded by Russell to recommend approval of the Resolution for the Award to Advance One Development, LLC of Charlotte N.C. with the low bid of \$375,500.00. The vote was all ayes. (See #27-28)

MOTION: To approve the Resolution for the Award for the removal and disposal of the existing flare skid and the installation of a new flare skid for the closed Whiteside County Landfill to the low bidder, Advance One Development, LLC of Charlotte, N.C. as presented.

- d. The County Highway Department appropriated and budgeted funds for the purchase of a new pickup truck. A quote of \$41,608.00 for a Ford F150 was received from the State Bid. Motion was made by Witmer and seconded by Cunniff to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford F150 in the amount of \$41,608.00 from Morrow Brother's Ford, Inc. of Greenfield, IL from the State Bid. The vote was all ayes. (See #29-34)

MOTION: To Approve the Purchase of a 2023 Ford F150 for \$41,608.00 to Morrow Brother's Ford, Inc. of Greenfield, IL.

6. OLD BUSINESS: No old business

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Mr. Renner will be making a presentation at the March County Board Meeting about the Highway Department's operations. He asked if the Committee members had any topic(s), they would like him to include in the presentation.

There was no additional business so a motion to adjourn was made by Cunniff and seconded by Witmer. The vote was all ayes and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – March 7, 2023 at 2:00 PM, at Highway Department

MOTION: To place on file the Public Works Committee's meeting report, December 2022 & January 2023 claim reports and related informational items, as presented.